

10 September 1974



MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] CGAS/DDI

SUBJECT : Post-Audit of Finished Intelligence

1. In response to a suggestion from the Director, I have informed him that we will conduct a post-audit of finished intelligence produced by the Agency during the last six months of FY 1974 and that representatives of the DDS&T and the NIO Staff will participate. The purpose of this review is to determine how well the Agency's products are meeting the needs of US policymakers primarily in terms of value, relevancy, and timeliness, but also in terms of format and design.

2. I would like this review to be conducted by an ad hoc group chaired by you. The DDS&T representative on this group is [REDACTED] the NIO representative is [REDACTED]. In addition, each production office should be asked to name a senior officer to serve as a point of contact, both to make available the office product for review and to serve with the panel when the product from that office is being reviewed.

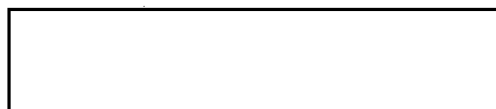
3. The scope of the group's review will include all published IB's, IM's, and IR's and all other hard copy publications such as the EIW, Soviet Staff Notes, etc. The group will not review the PDB, NID, NIB, Watch Report or Situation Reports. The review should also include production under NIO auspices where the product is actually a CIA product.

4. In addition to securing the information needed to make sound judgments about the value and relevancy of the product, the group should investigate the intended purpose of the product and the consumer it was designed to serve, with a view to judging how well it met those purposes. In this respect the NIO representative, working through the NIO system, is expected to be the

channel when it is necessary to elicit consumer reaction to the Agency products.

5. The group is not expected to make a detail critique of each and every publication. Some serial publications such as the EIW, the OSR Monthly Review or the various OCI Staff Notes can be evaluated on a sample basis. The group is also expected to report on the Agency's production resources devoted to priority subjects, as reflected in the 1974 Statement of Key Intelligence Questions.

6. The deadline for this review is 1 December 1974.



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